

NOAA RESTORATION DAY 2005

****Oyster Reef Seeding****



Who: Station Lead: Tilly Egge, ORP

Station Assistants: NOAA: Cece Linder, Arwen Edsall, Steve Giordano

PAX: Jim Swift

Volunteers: 15-20

What: Seed the shell/rock offshore breakwater reefs with oyster spat-on-shell. There are 100 bags, produced at the University of Maryland's Horn Point hatchery, and provided by the Oyster Recovery Partnership, a longtime NOAA restoration partner.

When: First action AM activity, immediately following opening remarks.

Where: Volunteers meet at shoreline adjacent to main parking area (large X on site map)

How: The oyster bags are already in the water at the edge of the breakwater beach area. Volunteers will load them onto the john boats, wade with the boat out to each of the islands, cut the bags and sprinkle the spat-on-shell onto the reef. Avoid putting the spat on the highest portions of the breakwater shell islands. There are four sections, so each section should get about 25 bags. ORP Lead will provide gloves and Knives.

Other Details:

- Use care to avoid the fenced off area, so that we don't impact the eelgrass beds.
- Use care in the water, as there are small rocks and other items that can be trip hazards.
- Use gloves, as the knives are sharp and the oyster shells are even sharper.
- If you should be injured in any way, please let your team leader know ASAP.
- First Aid kits will be located at the Oyster/SAV area, at the Pavilion, and Wetland Site.

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